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OPA Daily Digest for 3/6/14

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Claire McCaskill, Sen. Roy Blunt, Rep. William Lacy Clay, Rep. Ann Wagner (Mo.): 3/3/14. Requests the EPA to work with the Corps on remediation work at the West Lake Landfill Superfund site. Due: 3/17/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Sen. Charles Grassley (Iowa): 2/20/14. Constituent complaint about alleged contamination in Treynor, Iowa. Due: 3/6/14. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

State Government Inquiries:

None

Press Inquiries:

Daily Iowan, Iowa City - Gabrielle Dunn – 3/4/14: Questions regarding ethanol and Cyberize company turning trash to ethanol. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (open)

Des Moines Register – Jason Clayworth – 3/4/14: Policy regarding asbestos cleanup. Contact: David Bryan, 7433 (closed)

RadWaste Monitor – Jeremy Dillon – 3/6/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Mo. Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Wall Street Journal – John Emshwiller – 3/6/14: Questions about West Lake Landfill Site, Bridgeton, Mo.
Contact: Chris Whitley, 7394 (closed)

Environmental Stories:

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - St. Louis County Council members clash publicly on landfill resolution - 3/6/14 -
Two Democratic St. Louis County Council members clashed over a resolution this week about the West Lake Landfill, even though both supported the measure. The clash was more about politics — and protocol.
http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/county-council-members-clash-publicly-on-west-lake-landfill/article_79935f63-c72c-5fa4-bc01-44e670585fb5.html

North Platte Bulletin (Neb.) - Hazardous liquid gone, no one says where - 3/5/14 -

Liquid hazardous waste -- where does it go when it is hauled away from the Union Pacific's Bailey Yard in North Platte? <http://www.northplattebulletin.com/index.asp?show=news&action=readStory&storyID=27444&pageID=3>

St. Louis Post-Dispatch - Sierra Club sues Ameren alleging Clean Air Act violations - 5/5/14 - The Sierra Club filed suit on Wednesday against the Ameren Corp. in federal court here alleging 7,880 air quality violations at three coal-burning power plants since 2009. http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/metro/sierra-club-sues-ameren-alleging-clean-air-act-violations/article_f16f5370-d7b2-5a57-91ea-9beadc4ea4d7.html

Associated Press - Environmental group sues Ameren over coal plants - 3/5/14 - A national environmental group has made good on its promise to sue a St. Louis-based utility over what it calls thousands of violations of federal clean air laws. <http://www.bnd.com/2014/03/05/3091940/environmental-group-sues-ameren.html>

St. Louis Business Journal - Sierra Club sues Ameren over coal plants - 3/6/14 - The Sierra Club has followed through on its promise to sue Ameren Corp. over alleged violations of federal clean air laws.
http://www.bizjournals.com/stlouis/morning_call/2014/03/sierra-club-sues-ameren-over-coal-plants.html

Des Moines Register - Scores sue Corps of Engineers over Missouri River management - 3/5/14 - The lawsuit claims changes in the Corps' river management to protect endangered species such as the least tern have led to an increase in the frequency and duration of floods. The lawsuit represents property owners from Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska and South Dakota as well as Iowa.
<http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20140306/BUSINESS/303060051/1029/>

Kansas City Star - Water, land and litigation: Lawsuit renews vigorous debate over future of Missouri River - 3/5/14 - More than 200 farmers and landowners in the Missouri River basin sued the federal government Wednesday, accusing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers of improper decisions they say led to costly flooding. <http://www.kansascity.com/2014/03/05/4867748/lawsuit-renews-vigorous-debate.html>

Dodge Globe (Kan.) - Delegates talk elections, mortgage fees and EPA regulations - 3/5/14 - The legislators would not say whether or not they would vote to join a multi-state lawsuit against the federal government and the EPA's proposed new rules on carbon emissions. <http://www.dodgeglobe.com/article/20140304/NEWS/140309866/?tag=1>

Sioux City Journal (Iowa) - Broken sewer line leaks into Storm Lake creek - 3/5/14 - A broken sewer line that released untreated wastewater into a creek in Storm Lake, Iowa, was repaired on Wednesday. http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/briefs/broken-sewer-line-leaks-into-storm-lake-iowa-creek/article_c3dd8d16-87a0-5566-8e05-6689bc80b2b3.html

KTIV Ch. 4 Siouxland (Iowa) - DNR monitoring untreated sewage spill in Storm Lake, IA - 3/5/14 - The Iowa Department of Natural Resources is monitoring a spill of untreated sewage on the south side of Storm Lake. <http://www.ktiv.com/story/24893910/2014/03/05/dnr-monitoring-untreated-sewage-spill-in-storm-lake-ia>

Sioux City Journal (Iowa) - Sludge from Hull cheese plant released into stream - 3/5/14 - An alarm failure at a Hull, Iowa, cheese plant led to 2,100 gallons of industrial waste being released into a stream that flows into the Floyd River. http://siouxcityjournal.com/news/local/industrial-waste-leaks-into-hull-iowa-stream/article_316debe3-300a-5f3a-b38f-009293a2719f.html

Siouxland News Ch. 44 Dakota Dunes, S.D. - Government Agencies Propose Conservation Area Along Missouri River - 3/5/14 - While a mass action suit is going on to court Wednesday, the federal government is asking some farmers and others with land along the Missouri to become part of a plan to preserve and restore thousands of acres along the waterway. But the idea has some farmers and politicians nervous about the real impact of the project. <http://www.siouxlandnews.com/story/24898265/government-agency-asks-property-owners-along-missouri-to-join-conservation-area>

Nebraska Watchdog - Nearly two-thirds of NE lawmakers sign letter supporting Keystone XL - 3/6/14 - A Papillion senator says 29 of Nebraska's 49 lawmakers have signed a letter urging federal approval of the controversial Keystone XL oil pipeline. <http://watchdog.org/131329/keystone-xl/>

Iowa Farmer Today - Cooperation a must to boost water quality - 3/6/14 - Improving water quality is going to require the cooperation of all facets of agriculture, John Lawrence says. Lawrence, associate dean for Extension

programs at Iowa State University, also is director of the Iowa Nutrient Research Center.

http://www.iowafarmertoday.com/news/crop/cooperation-a-must-to-boost-water-quality/article_3f8a1cf6-a48a-11e3-a8f8-001a4bcf887a.html

Sioux Falls Argus Leader (S.D.) - Lewis & Clark to get \$5.2M in federal help - 3/5/14 - The Lewis & Clark project will receive more than \$8 million to help construct the much-delayed water supply system, South Dakota lawmakers said Tuesday. <http://www.argusleader.com/article/DF/20140305/NEWS/303050034/Lewis-Clark-get-5-2M-federal-help>

Forbes - Column: Will State Legislatures Join Congress And Cut Green Energy Incentives? - 3/5/14 - What's happening in Kansas could be happening in your state. It's not completely clear that the efforts to rollback the statewide renewable energy requirements there — and in 16 other states — will succeed. But it is obvious that, nationally, the tax preference given to renewables is fading. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/kensilverstein/2014/03/05/will-state-legislatures-join-congress-and-cut-green-energy-incentives/>

Nebraska Watchdog - Omaha under 'air quality alert' - 3/6/14 - In a move usually associated with bumper to bumper traffic in Los Angeles or polluted parts of the Rust Belt, Omaha is under an "air quality alert." <http://watchdog.org/131415/omaha-air-quality-alert/>

Des Moines Register - Iowa gets about 27 percent of energy from wind, report says - 2/5/14 - Iowa received about 27 percent of its energy from wind generation last year, placing it first in the nation, ahead of South Dakota at 26 percent, a new report today shows. <http://blogs.desmoinesregister.com/dmr/index.php/2014/03/05/iowa-gets-about-27-percent-of-energy-from-wind-report-says/>

Four States (KSNF/KODE), Joplin, Mo. - Update: Southeast Kansas Waste Water Facility - 3/5/14 - Southeast Kansas leaders are starting plans to create a better waste water facility. The Shoal Creek Basin Regional Wastewater Authority met today to begin preliminary planning for a cleaner environment. http://www.fourstateshomepage.com/story/d/story/update-southeast-kansas-waste-water-facility/39634/_WLhn994202rcgs00JZq1A

KSDK Ch. 5 St. Louis – Snowmelt alters taste, odor of local tap water - 3/5/14 - If you live in St. Charles and St. Louis Counties and notice a strange taste or odor in your water, you're not alone. The change is related to recent snow melt increasing the amount of clay and silts in the Missouri River – the main source of the area's drinking water. <http://www.ksdk.com/story/news/2014/02/26/st-charles-stl-county-water-strange-odor-taste/5846525/>

Columbia Missourian - Environmental group sues Ameren regarding coal - 3/5/14 - A national environmental group has made good on its promise to sue a St. Louis-based utility regarding what it calls thousands of violations of

federal clean air laws. Plants. <http://www.columbiamissourian.com/a/172008/environmental-group-sues-ameren-regarding-coal-plants/>

Medill Reports (Chicago) - Get your head in the clouds to predict climate change - 3/5/14 - It's not the Tyra Banks kind of modeling. They use computer simulation to predict the future based on the clouds. The U.S. Department of Energy's Atmospheric System Research program at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash., specializes in aerosol climate modeling. <http://news.medill.northwestern.edu/chicago/news.aspx?id=228630>

Greenwire - EPA asks court for 'voluntary remand' of controversial boiler rules - 3/5/14 - U.S. EPA has asked a federal court to let it review its methodology for setting air standards for industrial boilers, a sign that the agency's controversial rules may not hold up to judicial review. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059995597>

Associated Press - House backs bill to block EPA power plant rule - 3/5/14 - The Republican-controlled House has moved to block the president's plan to limit carbon pollution from new power plants. It's an election-year strike at the White House. http://www.stltoday.com/business/local/house-backs-bill-to-block-epa-power-plant-rule/article_9bb273dc-6862-504e-a7ca-3abe1b85d551.html

Midwest Energy News - Mayors call on Congress to revive stimulus efficiency program - 3/6/14 - A federal infusion of energy efficiency and conservation funds to cities, counties and tribal governments under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was a smashing success, according to a recent report released by the U.S. Conference of Mayors. <http://www.midwestenergynews.com/2014/03/06/mayors-call-on-congress-to-revive-stimulus-efficiency-program/>

The Hill (blog) - Sen. Whitehouse takes climate push to Iowa - 3/5/14 - Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-R.I.) is taking his fight against climate change to the swing state of Iowa. His mission: to put climate change at the front of the 2016 presidential race for Iowa vote. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/200013-sen-whitehouse-takes-climate-push-to-iowa>

Inside Climate - Too Much Propane Could Be a Factor in Exploding Oil Trains - 3/5/14 - Producers are supposed to strip out volatile gases before transporting oil. But experts say some may have been 'cheating' and leaving in large amounts. <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20140305/oil-train-made-riskier-producers-deliberately-leaving-volatile-gases-crude-0>

E&E News PM - Green groups call for tough EPA rule - 3/5/14 - More than 100 environmental and public interest groups are asking U.S. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy to promulgate tough standards to address coal ash disposal. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1059995611/>

E&E News PM - Energy companies pledge \$15M in hopes of staving off chicken listing - 3/5/14 - Energy companies have agreed to spend nearly \$15 million over the next three years in an eleventh-hour bid to prevent an Endangered Species Act listing for the lesser prairie chicken, state wildlife officials announced today.
<http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/1059995619/>

AgWeb - Power Hour: Biodiesel Has Most to Gain from Biofuel Growth - 2/28/14 - A new report on biodiesel calls for stable demand dependent on government actions saying, "Profitability will depend upon the actions of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) ..."
http://www.agweb.com/article/power_hour_biodiesel_has_most_to_gain_from_biofuel_growth_NAA_Ed_Clark/

Environmental Leader - Task Force Suggests Gas Plants Can Meet Emissions Targets - 3/5/14 - Underutilized natural gas power plants can cut greenhouse gas emissions affordably if they are used to displace higher emitting coal-fired power plants. <http://www.environmentalleader.com/2014/03/05/task-force-suggests-gas-plants-can-meet-emissions-targets>

Center for Progressive Reform (blog) - The Lost World of Administrative Law - 3/5/14 - The regulatory process has become more opaque and less accountable. We need to fix that. Regardless of whether you share OIRA's passion for cost-benefit analysis or revile it, we should all be able to agree on the need for improving the process. <http://www.progressivereform.org/CPRBlog.cfm?idBlog=93945B38-B205-2D06-B92CBDED15FC9524>

ClimateWire - How does conservative money work on climate change? - 3/5/14 - Searching for a reason major climate change legislation hasn't passed Congress yet? You could do worse than start looking around Washington, D.C., with its endless think tanks, lobbying firms and trade groups, many of which have swung into action in the past to block such bills and stand ready to do so in the future.
<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059995535/>

Greenwire - Pentagon ups focus on climate in influential new report - 3/5/14 - The prominent discussion of climate change in a major strategy document released by the Defense Department yesterday signals that the issue is getting mainstream attention within the military, security analysts say.
<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059995602/>

Greenwire - EPA adds 60 days to comment period on power plant proposal - 3/5/14 - U.S. EPA has extended the public comment period by two months to May 9 for the proposed carbon dioxide rule for new power plants. The agency gave no explanation for its decision to extend the comment period from March 10.
<http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/1059995604/>

E&E News PM - Whitfield denounces EPA's deadline extension as political ploy - 3/5/14 - A key Republican legislator today accused U.S. EPA of "playing politics" by granting extra time for public comment on its carbon emissions proposal for new power plants. <http://www.eenews.net/eenewspm/stories/105995621/>

Greenwire - Americans use twice as much water as they think -- study - 3/5/14 - Americans, often oblivious to how much water they use each day and the best ways to conserve it, end up using twice as much as they think they do, according to a new study from researchers at Indiana University. <http://www.eenews.net/greenwire/stories/105995583/>

AlJazeera America - Duke Energy's dirty water - 3/5/14 - The U.S. Department of Justice is investigating the company for evidence of criminal wrongdoing in a massive coal ash spill. But this comes too late for some North Carolina residents, who feel abandoned by regulators. <http://america.aljazeera.com/features/2014/3/nc-coal-ash-sparksdistrustofpublicofficials.html>

New American - EPA Wants to Snuff out Wood and Pellet Stoves - 3/5/14 - It took more than six weeks before the new EPA rules on wood and pellet stoves percolated into the media, which then generated pushback ranging from anger to outrage. <http://www.thenewamerican.com/tech/environment/item/17776-epa-wants-to-snuff-out-wood-and-pellet-stoves>

GigaOm - Almost a third of new U.S. electricity came from solar last year - 3/6/14 - Solar power crashed its way onto the U.S. power grid last year and is now fundamentally changing the makeup of how energy is being produced and consumed. More solar has been installed in the U.S. in the last 18 months than in the last 30 years. <http://gigaom.com/2014/03/05/almost-a-third-of-new-u-s-electricity-came-from-solar-last-year/>

TIME - A Bright Year for Solar in the U.S.—But There Are Clouds on the Horizon - 3/5/14 - Energy harvested from the Sun was the second-biggest source of new electricity generation capacity in 2013, but there are clouds on the horizon as a trade war between the U.S. and China stands to throw a monkey wrench in the works. <http://time.com/12952/solar-energy-surges-concern-over-china/>

Forbes - Harsh winter reveals necessity of coal - 3/6/14 - Pulling out all the stops to keep the East Coast's lights on, utilities and grid operators employed every source of power they could to stave off dangerous brown outs. Unfortunately, many of the coal-fired power plants that kept the East Coast running are being forced to shutter their doors due to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations. <http://www.forbes.com/sites/chrisprandoni/2014/03/06/harsh-winter-reveals-necessity-of-coal/>

EcoWatch - Obama's 2015 Budget Proposes Billions in Clean Energy Funding - 3/6/14 - President Barack Obama's \$3.9 trillion budget proposal for the 2015 fiscal year contains billions in potential renewable energy investments. <http://ecowatch.com/2014/03/06/obamas-2015-budget-clean-energy/>

Chemical & Engineering News - Analytical Test Could Underestimate Radioactivity In Fracking Wastewater - 3/6/14 - A study shows that a test commonly used to analyze drinking water is inappropriate for monitoring radium in the wastewater from hydraulic fracturing. <http://cen.acs.org/articles/92/web/2014/03/Analytical-Test-Underestimate-Radioactivity-Fracking.html>

Yale Environment 360 - Wendell Berry: A Strong Voice For Local Farming and the Land - 3/6/14 - For six decades, writer Wendell Berry has spoken out in defense of local agriculture, rural communities, and the importance of caring for the land. Wendell Berry wrote about and practiced “sustainable agriculture” long before the term was widely used. http://e360.yale.edu/feature/interview_wendell_berry_a_strong_voice_for_local_farming_and_the_land/2739/

Brownfield Ag News - DriftWatch makes good neighbors - 3/6/14 - Ten states including Missouri and Nebraska are part of DriftWatch, developed by Purdue University, DriftWatch is a registry designed to promote awareness and stewardship activities to help prevent and manage drift effects. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2014/03/06/driftwatch-good-neighbors/>

BNA - EPA to Require Best Management Practices To Curb Erosion at Construction Sites - 3/6/14 - The construction, utility and housing sectors will be required to implement best management practices to prevent erosion at construction sites in lieu of numeric nutrient limits for turbidity in stormwater under a final EPA rule scheduled for publication March 6. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=42514083&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7g9e3n4&split=0

BNA - ‘Big Leap’ in Climate Change Proposals So Far in 2014 Proxy Season, Report Says - 3/6/14 - The 2014 proxy season has so far seen “a big leap” in requests from investors for companies to take more aggressive action on climate change, according to a report released March 5. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=42514103&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7h7e8h4&split=0

BNA - Environmental Groups Sue EPA Over Failure To Issue Rule on Inert Ingredient Disclosure - 3/6/14 - A coalition of environmental groups filed a lawsuit against EPA challenging what the groups described as “an unreasonable delay” in the agency's rulemaking on regulations requiring the disclosure of hazardous inert ingredients by pesticide manufacturers. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=42514092&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7h0h0r1&split=0

BNA - Republican Senators Seek ‘No’ Vote On Nominee to Head EPA Office of Water - 3/6/14 - Six Republican senators circulated a letter March 5 urging a “no” vote on President Barack Obama's nominee to serve as assistant administrator for water at the EPA, in a bid to stop the agency from moving forward with its Clean Water Act jurisdiction rulemaking. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=42514084&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7g9e8m5&split=0

BNB - GAO Report Shows How Federal Agencies Can Help Energy Companies Boost Resilience - 3/6/14 -

The Government Accountability Office has outlined in a new report ways the federal government can influence private sector decisionmaking on how to make energy infrastructure less vulnerable to climate change impacts.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=42514085&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7h0c9f9&split=0

BNB - Democratic Senators Call for Restarting Discussion on Clean Coal Technologies - 3/6/14 - Achieving meaningful international reductions in carbon dioxide emissions will depend on the successful development and deployment of clean coal technologies, four Democratic senators said March 5.

http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=42514086&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e7h0e5d1&split=0

Inside EPA - Industry Fears 'Mass Confusion' From EPA Bid To Remand Boiler Air Rules - 3/6/14 - Industry groups fear "mass confusion" from EPA's request for a federal appeals court to remand its contested package of boiler and incinerator air rules to the agency. <http://insideepa.com/201403062463305/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/industry-fears-mass-confusion-from-epa-bid-to-remand-boiler-air-rules/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Sierra Club Opposes CCS Coal Utility EPA Cites In Climate NSPS Defense - 3/5/14 - The Sierra Club is opposing a pending coal-fired power plant in Mississippi that will be among the first to use carbon capture and sequestration (CCS) on a large scale, even though the group backs EPA's proposed utility climate rule that justifies a CCS mandate for new coal plants based in part on the Mississippi plant -- a position critics say is "tortured." <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-03/07/2014/sierra-club-opposes-ccs-coal-utility-epa-cites-in-climate-nsps-defense/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Seeks More Aviation Biofuel To Help Justify RFS 'Pathways' Expansion - 3/5/14 - EPA is urging the biofuel and airline industries to ramp up production of renewable jet fuels already approved under renewable fuel standard (RFS) "pathways" that allow the fuels to qualify under the program. <http://cleanenergyreport.com/201403062463372/Clean-Energy-Report-Daily-News/News/epa-seeks-more-aviation-biofuel-to-help-justify-rfs-pathways-expansion/menu-id-202.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Drops Turbidity Limit From Construction ELG, But Leaves Door Open - 3/5/14 - EPA is set to finalize its long-awaited effluent limitation guideline (ELG) for curbing stormwater runoff from the construction sector without the numeric turbidity limit that environmentalists sought. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-03/07/2014/epa-drops-turbidity-limit-from-construction-elg-but-leaves-door-open/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - POTWs Tentatively Back Groups' Petitions To EPA For Stormwater Retrofits - 3/5/14 - Wastewater utilities are tentatively supporting environmentalists' petitions asking EPA to use rare authority to require retrofits at existing developments to limit stormwater runoff. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-03/07/2014/potws-tentatively-back-groups-petitions-to-epa-for-stormwater-retrofits/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - Broad EPA CBI Plan For GHG Data Risks Undermining Registry, Critics Say - 3/5/14 -
Environmentalists are warning EPA that its proposed confidential business information (CBI) protections for companies that report data to the agency's greenhouse gas (GHG) registry are so broad that they risk undermining the overall GHG reporting program. <http://insideepa.com/201403052463201/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/broad-epa-cbi-plan-for-ghg-data-risks-undermining-registry-critics-say/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Seeks Policy 'Specifics' For Steps To Improve Industrial Plants' Safety - 3/5/14 - EPA's waste chief is urging environmentalists, industry and other stakeholders to provide specific advice for either voluntary or mandatory policies to bolster industrial facilities' safety. <http://insideepa.com/201403052463205/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-seeks-policy-specifics-for-steps-to-improve-industrial-plants-safety/menu-id-95.html>

Inside EPA - Environmentalists Push 'Power Switch' Plan To Cut Costs Of Climate NSPS - 3/5/14 -
Environmental group Clean Air Task Force (CATF) is calling on EPA to use a "power switch" approach in setting its greenhouse gas (GHG) rule for existing power plants that would boost reliance on underutilized gas utilities. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-03/07/2014/environmentalists-push-power-switch-plan-to-cut-costs-of-climate-nsps/menu-id-67.html>

Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

3/8/14 – Sierra Club 40th Anniversary Conference, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Hattie Thomas, 7762

3/18-19/14 – RA/DRA Joint Meeting, Denver, Colo., Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

3/20/14 – Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event – Washburn University, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster 7557

3/21/14 – Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event – Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Contact: Kris Lancaster 7557

3/24/14 – Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event – University of Missouri, Columbia, Mo. Contact: Kris Lancaster 7557

3/26/14 – Waters of the U.S. Outreach Event – University of Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Kris Lancaster 7557

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3/27/14 – Deputy Administrator Bob Perciasepe to Visit Region 7, Regional Office. Contact: Mark Hague, 7546

3/31/14 – Madison and Lila Self Graduate Spring Symposium, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: David Bryan, 7433

4/1/14 – Joint EPA/FTA/FHWA Meeting Regarding the Strong Cities, Strong Communities Initiative, Regional Office. Contact: David Doyle, 7667

4/3/14 – Mid-American Environmental Compliance Conference, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Dave Cozad, 7587

4/22/14 – Sprint WasteWise Event, Overland Park, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

DRA:

3/4/14 – Executive Management Council, Washington DC. Contact: Dana Peters, 7444

3/18-19/14 – RA/DRA Joint Meeting, Denver, Colo., Contact: Julia Cacho, 7071

RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

3/13/2014 – EJ Small Grants Community Tour, Press Event and Stakeholder Roundtable, Wichita, Kan. Contact: Corazzin, 7429

ENSV

None

PLMG

3/4/14 - Federal Executive Board & Chamber of Commerce Small Business Networking Event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall 7549

3/11/14 –Metropolitan Community College Procurement One-on-One Conference, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall 7549

4/1/14 - Federal Executive Board & Chamber of Commerce Small Business Networking Event, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall 7549

4/1/14 - Federal Executive Board Federal Contracting Do's & Don'ts Workshop, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Chester Stovall 7549

4/2/14 - State of Missouri Disparity Study Stakeholder Conference, Kansas City, Mo. Chester Stovall 7549

4/3/14 – US Corps of Engineers' Society of Military Engineers Annual Contracting Conference, Kansas City, Mo. Chester Stovall 7549

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None

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3/3/14 – Emergency planning meeting with local response agencies and the Johnson County Environmental and Health Department, Olathe, Kan. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

3/6/14 – Kansas Commission on Emergency Planning and Response meeting, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

3/18-19/14 - National Response Team/Regional Response Team Co-Chairs meeting, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

4/1-2/14 - Hosting spring Regional Response Team meeting, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Scott Hayes, 7670

WWPD

3/9-13/14 – National Association of State Drinking Water Administrators meeting and National EPA Drinking Water Managers Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Mary Mindrup, 7431

3/10-12/14 – EPA Water Division Directors Meeting, Washington, DC. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

3/11-14/14 – Water Quality Standards National Program Meeting, Washington, DC. Contacts: John DeLashmit, 7821, Ann Lavaty, 7370

3/16-18/14 – Nebraska Rural Water Association Conference, Meeting with State Partners on Drinking Water Issues, Grand Island, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

3/27-28/14 Quarterly Public Water Supply Enforcement Coordination Meeting with Iowa Department of Natural Resources, Des Moines, Iowa. Contacts: Scott Marquess, 7131, Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

4/1-2/14 – Regulatory Update Presentation at American Water Works Association Annual Conference, Osage Beach, Mo. Contact: Neftali Hernandez-Santiago, 7036

4/28-5/4/14 – Toxic Substances and Control Act Case Development to EPA Regions 1-4 Case Management Officers, Washington, DC. Contact: Maria Morey, 7079

5/5-8/14 – Environmental Leaders Institute State / Tribal / EPA Training Workshop, Shepherdstown, W.Va. Contact: Tabatha Adkins, 7128

5/12-16/14 – National Total Maximum Daily Load/Measures and 303(d) Listing Conference, Denver, Co. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067, Debby White, 7886